IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

SUMMIT FAMILY MEDICAL : CIVIL ACTION

PRACTICE, P.C.

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V.

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THE PHILADELPHIA

CONTRIBUTIONSHIP INSURANCE

COMPANY : NO. 02-3783

ORDER

AND NOW, this 16th day of October, 2002, upon consideration of Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Discovery (Doc. No. 15), and the Court finding that:

- (a) Discovery was scheduled to conclude on September 30, 2002, and thus under our scheduling Order is closed;
- (b) On September 23, 2002, plaintiff served on defendant interrogatories and requests for production of documents;
- (c) Defendant did not file any response, nor did defendant file any objections, thereto;
- (d) However, defendant wrote in a September 24, 2002 letter to plaintiff, "Given the lateness of the day, I do not anticipate us providing you any discovery of any kind";
- (e) Under Local Rule 26.1(g), a Court may summarily grant or deny a routine motion to compel answers to interrogatories or responses to requests for production without waiting for a response where it is averred that no timely response or objection has been served;

(f) Since defendant has stated that it will not be responding to the discovery requests, under Local Rule 26.1(g), we are treating the discovery requests as unresponded to and shall grant plaintiff's motion to compel as uncontested;

It is hereby ORDERED that:

- 1. Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Discovery is GRANTED;
- 2. Accordingly, defendant shall SERVE plaintiff with complete responses to the discovery requests by November 1, 2002;
- 3. Our scheduling Order dated July 31, 2002 is AMENDED to the following extent:
 - a. Discovery shall CONCLUDE by November 1, 2002;
- b. The parties shall FILE their joint stipulation of facts by November 15, 2002;
- c. Any motions for summary judgment shall be FILED by December 2, 2002; and
- d. Any responses thereto shall be FILED by December 16, 2002.

BY THE COURT:

Stewart Dalzell, J.

 $^{^{\}rm 1}$ Additionally, plaintiff sent defendant a letter dated October 7, 2002 stating "From the tone of your letter, it appears that you are refusing to answer discovery. Unless I hear to the contrary I will seek a judicial conference," to which defendant did not respond.